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1. NOVEDADES OF FEB 11 CARRIED UPI STORY STATING SENATOR TOWER WOULD PROPOSE LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT BEEF IMPORTS FROM MEXICO IF GOM CONTINUES PLANS TO REDUCE IMPORTS US CATTLE. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS LETTERS TO SECRETARIES KISSNGER AND BUTZ REQUESTING SUPPORT TO GET GOM TO RESCIND "SEVERE" RESTRICTIONS WHICH (ACCORDING TO ARTICLE) WOULD TAKE EFFECT FEBRUARY 21. EL UNIVERSAL OF FEB 12 HAS EDITORIAL TITLED "CENSURABLE ACTITUD" CONDEMNING SUCH THREATS AND POINTING OUT THAT IMPORTS OF US BREEDING CATTLE (\$20 MILLION) EXCEEDED IMPORTS OF BEEF (\$15 MILLION).

2. AGATT HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT SUBSECRETARY AND LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR TO SEE IF THEY COULD POSTPONE NEW REQUIREMENTS UNTIL AFTER TEXAS SALES BUT BOTH OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE. WE SUSPECT THAT ABOVE PUBLICITY HAS SQUELCHED ANY OPPORTUNITIES WE MIGHT HAVE HAD TO GET GOM OFFICIALS TO BACK OFF FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS.

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